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## OASIS (3 Month) and Extension Study (6 Month, Interim Data) Cohorts 3 and 4: Promising CLS-AX Safety Results, Durability and Biologic Effect

#### **SAFETY RESULTS**

Excellent safety profile at all doses and timepoints

No Serious Adverse Events

· No dose limiting toxicities

No Adverse Events from inflammation

#### **DURABILITY**

In OASIS, to 3 months:

• ≥73% reduction in treatment burden

In Extension Study, to 6 months (interim data):

>90% reduction in treatment burden



#### **BIOLOGIC EFFECT**

- Stable mean Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)
- Stable mean Central Subfield Thickness (CST)
- On optical coherence tomography (OCT), anatomical signs of tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) biologic effect were observed in anti-VEGF treatment-experienced sub-responders

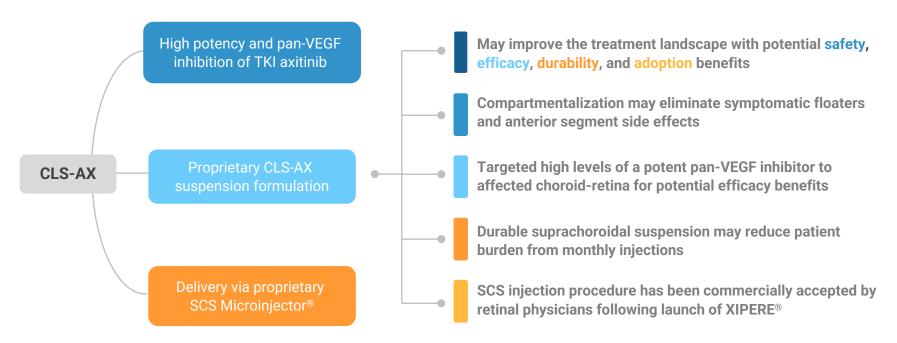
#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Follow remaining patients in Extension Study with final data expected in Q1 2023
- Initiate Phase 2 clinical trial in Q1 2023



### CLS-AX (axitinib injectable suspension) for Suprachoroidal Use

Leveraging a Highly Potent Pan-VEGF Inhibitor with Suprachoroidal Delivery

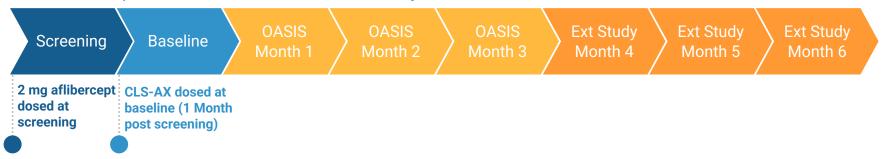




## OASIS and Extension Study: CLS-AX Phase 1/2a Clinical Trial in Treatment-Experienced Wet AMD Patients with Active Disease at Screening

#### TRIAL DESIGN AND OBJECTIVES

- Open-label study with a primary endpoint to evaluate safety and tolerability of escalating single doses of CLS-AX administered through suprachoroidal injection following IVT aflibercept
- Wet AMD patients with ≥2 anti-VEGF treatments in the prior 4 months, reading center confirmation of persistent active disease
- Dose-escalation of CLS-AX (in mg): Cohort 1 at 0.03; Cohort 2 at 0.1; Cohort 3 at 0.5; Cohort 4 at 1.0
- Secondary endpoints: visual function, ocular anatomy, and need for additional treatment
- Monthly assessment for additional treatment with aflibercept: loss from best measurement of ≥10 letters in BCVA with exudation; increase in CST >75 microns; a vision-threatening hemorrhage
- 6-Month follow-up after CLS-AX via a 3-month Extension Study





### **OASIS Enrolled Heavily anti-VEGF Treatment-Experienced Wet AMD Patients**

#### Patients were <u>sub-responders</u> with <u>active disease</u> at screening confirmed by reading center

#### Why target this patient population instead of treatment naïve or patients with controlled disease?

- · Patients have a high need for effective therapy with lower treatment burden
- Minimizes the risk of false signals of biologic effect
- Facilitates assessment for biological effect in a difficult-to-treat nAMD patient population
- Facilitates assessment of an appropriate dose, not only based on both safety but also on biologic effect
- Represents a significant number of patients in clinical practice, with >30% sub-responders
- De-risks future clinical studies

#### Desired outcomes in this heavily treated patient population:

- Demonstrate safety and tolerability of CLS-AX
- Maintain stability of visual acuity and central subfield thickness with lower treatment burden

Enrolling difficult to treat anti-VEGF sub-responders allowed observation of possible signs of biologic effect while minimizing false signals



# Enrolled Patients All with Active Disease at Screening and Confirmed by Independent Reading Center

#### Demographics and Wet AMD History

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### **CLS-AX Demonstrated a Positive Safety Profile in All Four Cohorts**

#### 3-Month Final Data & 6-Month Interim Data

#### **SAFETY RESULTS**

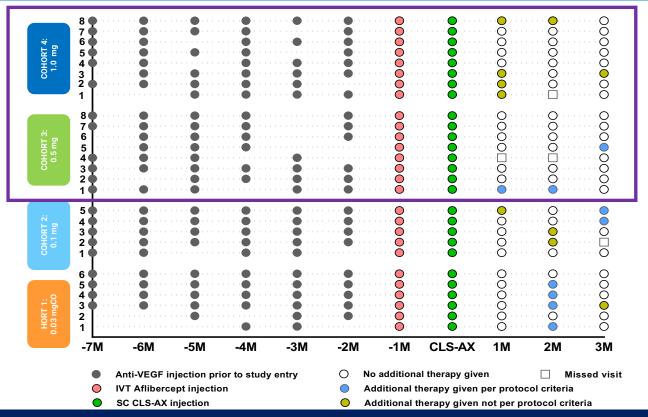
#### **Excellent Safety Profile at all doses and timepoints**

- No serious adverse events (SAEs)
- No treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) related to study treatment
- No dose limiting toxicities
- · No adverse events related to inflammation, vasculitis or vascular occlusion
- No vitreous "floaters" or dispersion of CLS-AX into the vitreous
- No retinal detachment
- No endophthalmitis
- No adverse events related to intraocular pressure





# OASIS (3 Month): Prior Anti-VEGF Therapies and <u>All Additional Therapies</u>



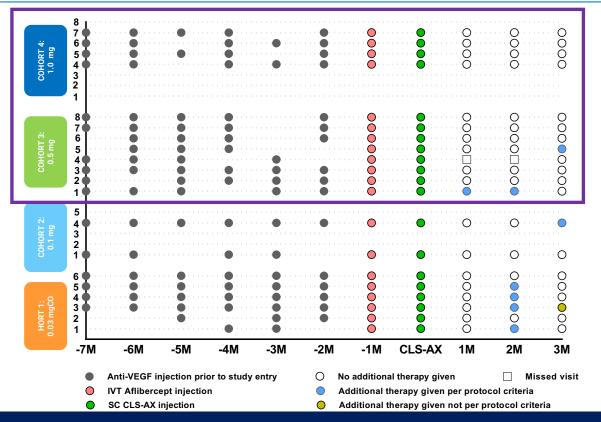
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Cohorts 3 & 4:

11/16 (69%) of patients did not receive additional therapy to 3 months



## OASIS (3 Month): Prior Anti-VEGF Therapies and <u>Additional Therapies Per Protocol Criteria</u>



#### **DURABILITY**

Cohorts 3 & 4:

11/12 (92%) of patients did not receive additional therapy to 3 months

## OASIS (3 Month): CLS-AX Reduced Treatment Burden Across All Cohorts

## Reduction in Treatment Burden All Therapies

#### Reduction in Treatment Burden Therapies Per Protocol Criteria

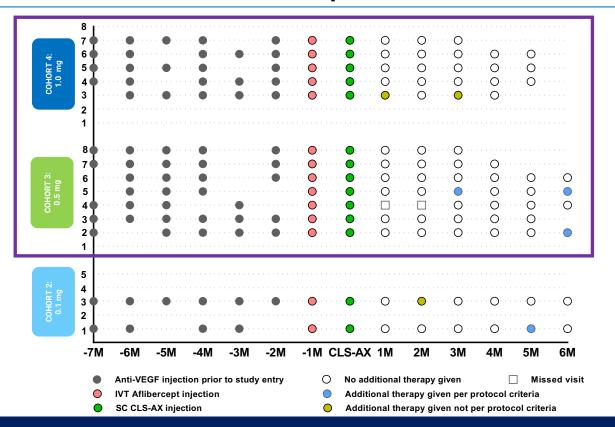
Cohort	Number of Participants	Avg Monthly Injections Before CLS-AX Administration	Avg Monthly Injections After CLS-AX Administration	% Reduction
4	8	0.88	0.25	72.9
3	8	0.75	0.13	79.2
2	5	0.93	0.37	63.3
1	6	0.94	0.28	69.4

Cohort	Number of Participants	Avg Monthly Injections Before CLS-AX Administration	Avg Monthly Injections After CLS-AX Administration	% Reduction
4	4	0.83	0	100
3	8	0.75	0.13	79.2
2	2	0.83	0.17	83.3
1	6	0.94	0.28	69.4

73 – 100% Reduction in Treatment Burden in Cohorts 3 and 4



## Extension Study (6 Month, Interim Data): Prior Anti-VEGF Therapies and All Additional Therapies



#### **DURABILITY**

Cohorts 3 & 4

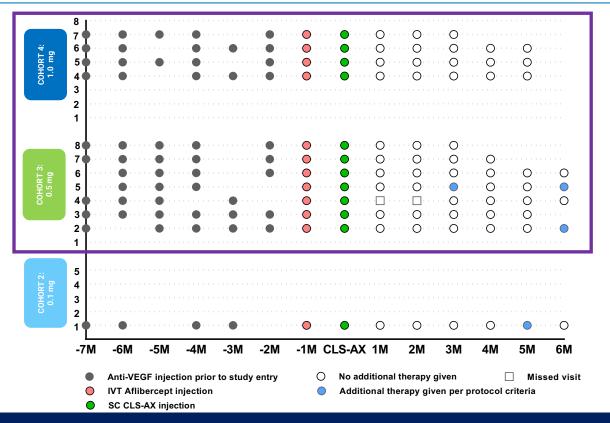
No Additional Therapy

To Month 4: 8/10

To Month 5: 7/8

To Month 6: 3/4

# Extension Study (6 Month, Interim Data): Prior Anti-VEGF Therapies and <u>Additional Therapies Per Protocol Criteria</u>



#### **DURABILITY**

Cohorts 3 & 4

No Additional Therapy

To Month 4: 8/9

To Month 5: 7/8

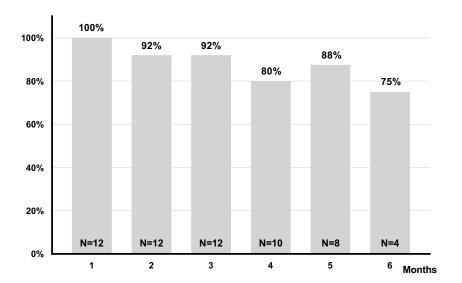
To Month 6: 3/4



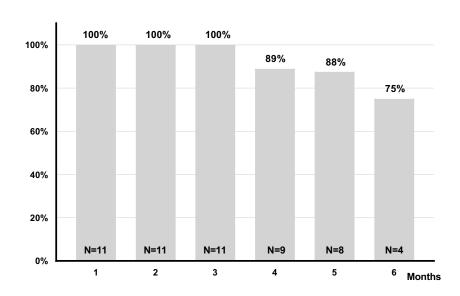
## Extension Study (6 Month, Interim Data): Supplemental Anti-VEGF Injection-Free Rate up to Each Visit in Cohorts 3 and 4

Extension Study Interim Data: 75% of Patients with No Additional Therapy to Month 6

#### **All Therapies**



#### **Therapies Per Protocol Criteria**





## Extension Study (6 Month, Interim Data): CLS-AX Reduced Treatment Burden Across Cohorts

## Reduction in Treatment Burden All Therapies

Cohort	Number of Participants	Avg Monthly Injections Before CLS-AX Administration	Avg Monthly Injections After CLS-AX Administration	% Reduction
4	5	0.87	0.10	90.0
3	7	0.81	0.07	90.0
2	2	0.83	0.17	79.2

#### Reduction in Treatment Burden Therapies Per Protocol Criteria

Cohort	Number of Participants	Avg Monthly Injections Before CLS-AX Administration	Avg Monthly Injections After CLS-AX Administration	% Reduction
4	4	0.83	0	100
3	7	0.81	0.07	90.0
2	1	0.67	0.17	75.0

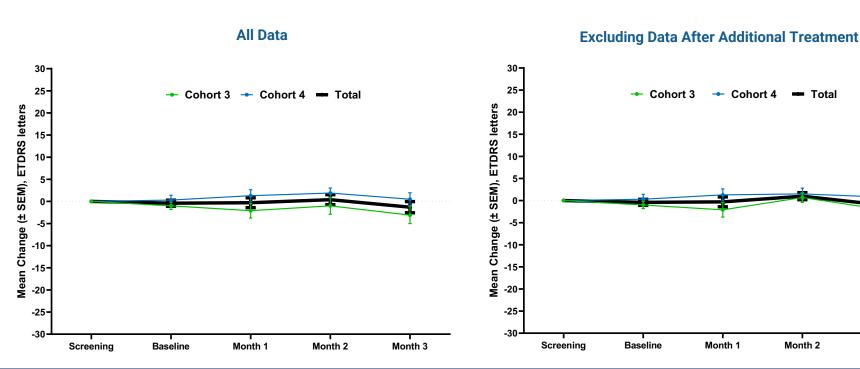
90 - 100% Reduction in Treatment Burden in Cohorts 3 and 4





### OASIS (3 Months): Stable Visual Acuity

Mean Best Corrected Visual Acuity Letter Score, Change from Screening



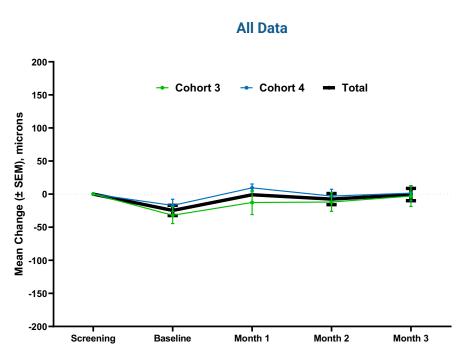


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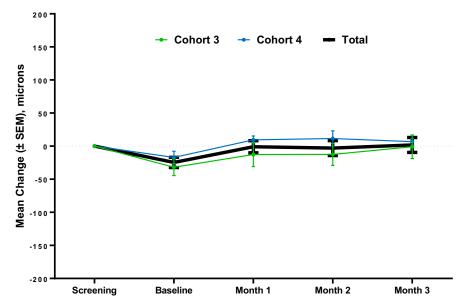
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### OASIS (3 Months): Stable Central Subfield Thickness

Mean Central Subfield Thickness, Change from Screening



#### **Excluding Data After Additional Treatment**

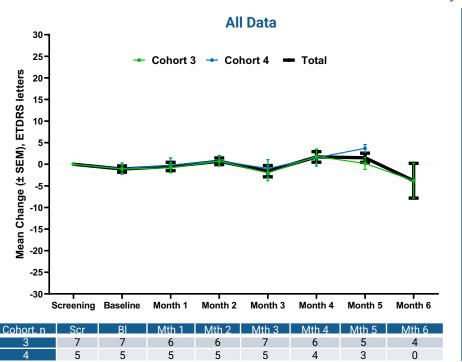


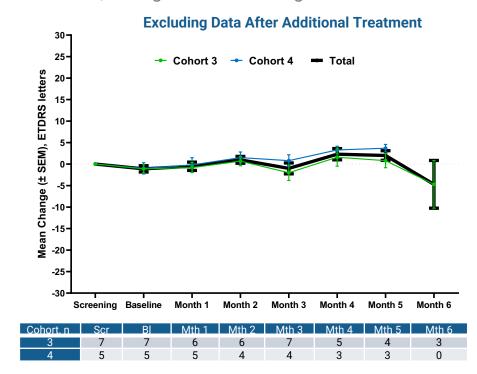


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# Extension Study (6 Month, Interim Data): Stable Visual Acuity

Mean Best Corrected Visual Acuity Letter Score, Change from Screening

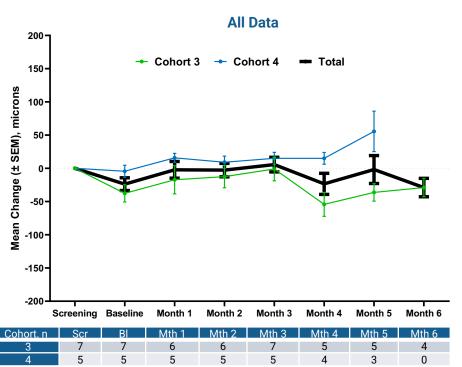


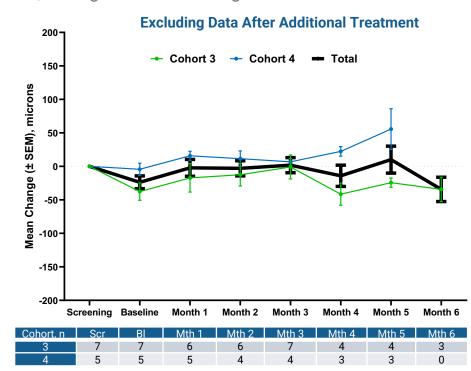




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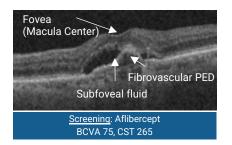


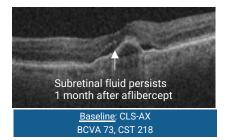




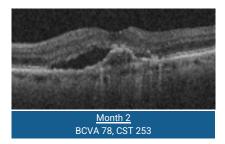
### 6 Month Case Study: CLS-AX Demonstrated Biologic Effect in anti-VEGF Sub-responder

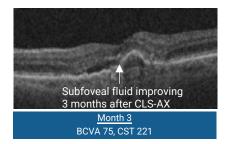
Cohort 3, Subject 2: 89 prior anti-VEGF injections with persistent subfoveal fluid 1 month after aflibercept at screen Subretinal fluid gradually resolves through 4 months after CLS-AX with stable BCVA and improved CST

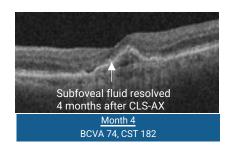




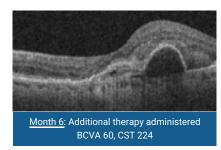






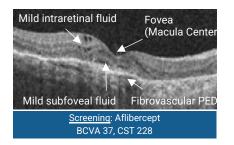


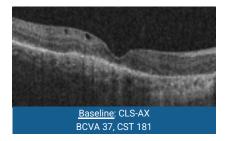


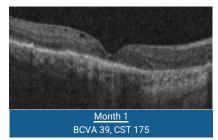


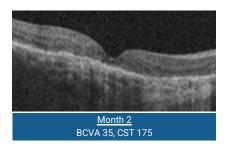
### 5 Month Case Study: Durable Stability After CLS-AX

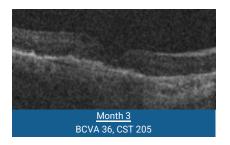
Cohort 3, Subject 3: 66 prior anti-VEGF injections with mild subfoveal and intraretinal fluid at screen Stable anatomy, BCVA and CST for 5 months after CLS-AX with no additional therapy (Month 6 visit pending)

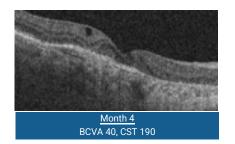


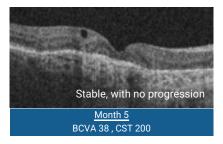








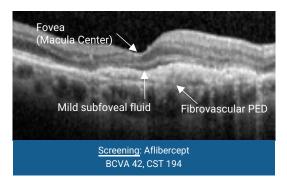




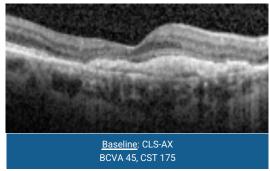


### 6 Month Case Study: Durable Stability After CLS-AX

Cohort 3, Subject 4: 15 prior anti-VEGF injections with mild subfoveal fluid at screen Stable anatomy, BCVA and CST for 6 months after CLS-AX with no additional therapy







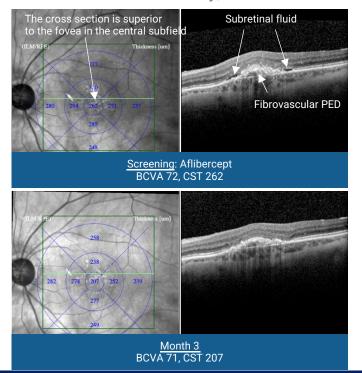


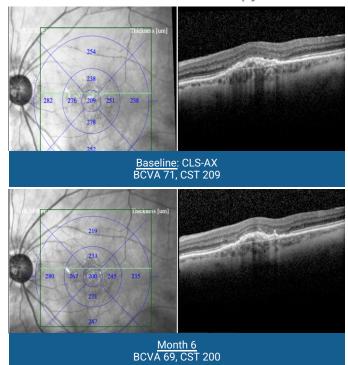
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### 6 Month Case Study: Durable Stability After CLS-AX

Cohort 3, Subject 6: 50 prior anti-VEGF injections with persistent subretinal fluid in superior central subfield Stable anatomy, BCVA and CST for 6 months after CLS-AX with no additional therapy









### CLS-AX in Suprachoroidal Space Demonstrates Promising Safety Results, Durability and Biologic Effect in Anti-VEGF Treatment Experienced Sub-responders

	OASIS Results	Competitive Advantages
Safety (All Cohorts)	<ul> <li>Excellent Safety Profile at all doses and timepoints</li> <li>No SAEs, No TEAEs related to study treatment</li> <li>No dose limiting toxicities</li> <li>No AEs related to inflammation, vasculitis or vascular occlusion</li> <li>No vitreous "floaters" or dispersion of CLS-AX into the vitreous</li> <li>No retinal detachments or endophthalmitis</li> <li>No AEs related to intraocular pressure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>As a well-characterized small molecule, less risk for inflammation than a novel biologic agent</li> <li>No need for an operating room setting</li> <li>No risk of implant migration and very low risk of vitreous "floaters" or haze</li> <li>SCS injection procedure commercially accepted by retinal physicians following launch of XIPERE®</li> </ul>
Durability (Cohorts 3&4)	<ul> <li>In OASIS, to 3-month timepoint (N=16):</li> <li>69% of patients did not receive additional therapy</li> <li>92% of patients did not receive additional therapy per protocol</li> <li>≥73% reduction in treatment burden</li> <li>In Extension Study interim data (N=12):</li> <li>To Month 5: 88% (7/8) of patients did not receive addl therapy</li> <li>To Month 6: 75% (3/4) of patients did not receive addl therapy</li> <li>≥90% reduction in treatment burden</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CLS-AX showed preliminary signs of durability favorably comparing to other current and investigational intravitreally injected biologic agents</li> <li>Based on interim extension data at higher doses, CLS-AX suprachoroidal suspension demonstrated it may have durability of effect that favorably compares to other extended release TKI formulations</li> </ul>
Biologic Effect (Cohorts 3&4)	<ul> <li>CLS-AX showed signs of biologic effect:</li> <li>Stable mean BCVA</li> <li>Stable mean CST</li> <li>On OCT, anatomical signs of TKI biologic effect were observed in anti-VEGF treatment-experienced sub-responders</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The most potent TKI in nAMD trials, differentiated from focused VEGF-A blockade</li> <li>Targeted high levels to affected choroid-retina may further leverage efficacy, particularly in anti-VEGF sub-responders</li> </ul>



### **Plans for Continued Progress with CLS-AX**

Complete OASIS Extension Study

Finalize Phase 2 Clinical Trial Plans Initiate Phase 2 Clinical Program

Follow remaining patients in Extension Study

Final data expected in Q1 2023

Expand range of retinal diseases

**Evaluate CLS-AX for wAMD and/or diabetic retinopathy** 

Randomized, controlled Phase 2 trial

Initiate in Q1 2023



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### Axitinib: a Highly Potent, Pan-VEGF TKI to Treat Wet AMD



Axitinib's intrinsic pan-VEGF inhibition through receptor blockade

Approved treatments are focused VEGF-A inhibitors



Inhibits VEGFR-1, VEGFR-2, VEGFR-3 receptors

More active than anti-VEGF-A in in-vitro angiogenesis model<sup>1-2</sup>

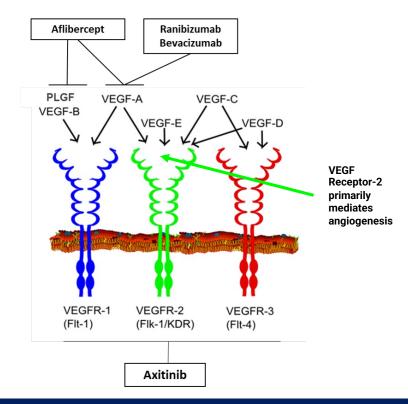


Highly potent tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI)

- >10x more potent than other TKIs in preclinical studies
- Better ocular cell biocompatibility than other TKIs<sup>3</sup>
- More active than other TKIs for experimental corneal neovascularization in preclinical models

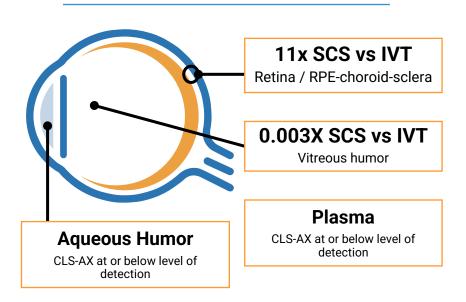


Preclinical data showed axitinib inhibition and regression of angiogenesis





# CLS-AX Injected Suprachoroidally Provides Targeted Delivery Relative to Intravitreal Injection at Same Dose

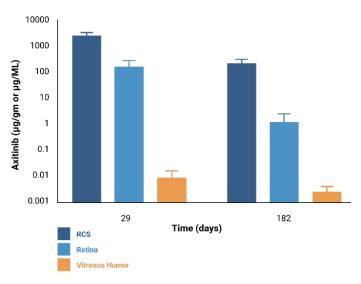


#### Rabbit Model Values: area under the curve ratios, SCS / IVT

SCS: 1 mg/eye, 100  $\mu$ L. | IVT: 1 mg/eye, 25  $\mu$ L Single bilateral injection, 1-wk rabbit PK studies

## CLS-AX has Potential for Meaningful Durability CLS-AX Levels to 6 Months

High Retina Levels: Sufficient to block VEGF pathway Low Plasma Levels: <1 ng/mL



**Rabbit toxicology study** with single bilateral suprachoroidal injection of axitinib, 1.05 mg/eye (n=4 eyes/ timepoint)



# Enrolled Patients All with Active Disease at Screening and Confirmed by Independent Reading Center

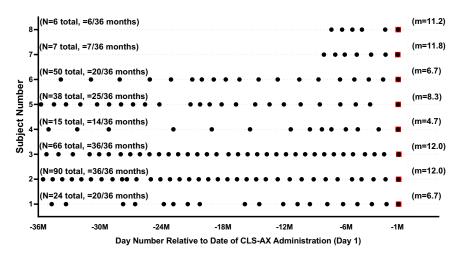
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### **Anti-VEGF Treatments up to 3 Years Prior to Baseline CLS-AX Administration**

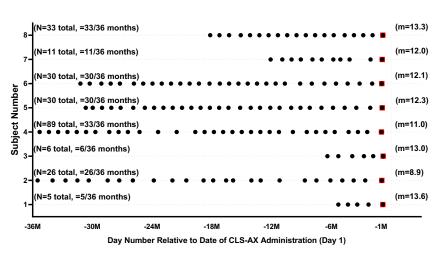




Prior nAMD Treatment
 IVT Aflibercept (Screening, Visit 1)

(N=) Total number of nAMD treatments reported prior to Screening, within 36 months (m=) Annualized number of injections in the past 36 months defined as (total number of injections in 36 months prior to CLS-AX (Day 1)) / (minimum(3, (duration between first injection and Day 1)/365.25)).

#### **COHORT 4: 1.0 mg**



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### **OASIS: Reason for Use of Additional Therapies**

COHORT	SUBJECT #	ADDITIONAL THERAPY VISIT	REASON FOR ADDITIONAL THERAPY
	1	2 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
	3	2 months post CLS-AX	CST
COHORT 1: 0.03 mg (N=6)	3	3 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation (not verified by reading center)
	4	2 months post CLS-AX	CST
	5	2 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
	2	2 months post CLS-AX	CST (not verified by reading center)
	3	2 months post CLS-AX	Macular hemorrhage (not verified by reading center)
COHORT 2: 0.1 mg (N=5)	4	3 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
	5	1 month post CLS-AX	CST (not verified by reading center)
	5	3 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
	1	1 month post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
COHORT 3: 0.5 mg (N=8)	'	2 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
	5	3 months post CLS-AX	CST
	1	1 month post CLS-AX	CST (not verified by reading center)
COHORT 4: 1.0 mg (N=8)	2	1 month post CLS-AX	CST (not verified by reading center)
	3	1 month and 3 month post CLS-AX	CST (not verified by reading center both times)
	8	1 month and 2 months post CLS-AX	Investigator discretion both times

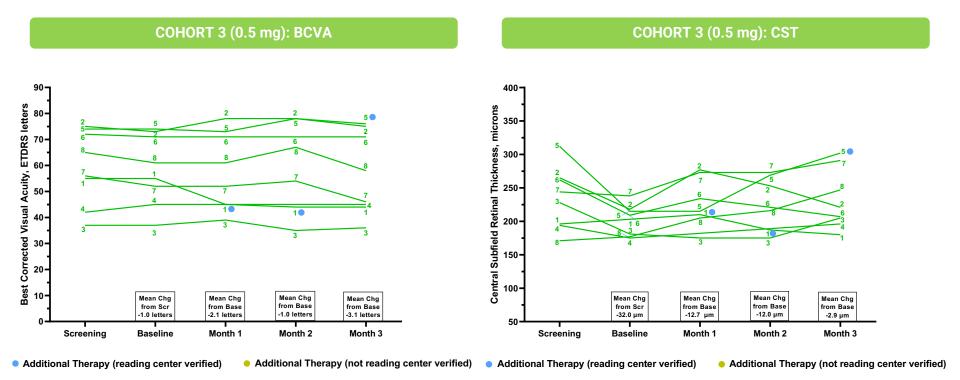
Assessment for additional treatment with aflibercept:

Red = not treated per protocol defined criteria

Decrease from best measurement of ≥10 letters in BCVA with exudation; Increase in CST >75 microns; A vision-threatening hemorrhage



## Cohort 3: Stable Best Corrected Visual Acuity and Central Subfield Thickness to 3 Months

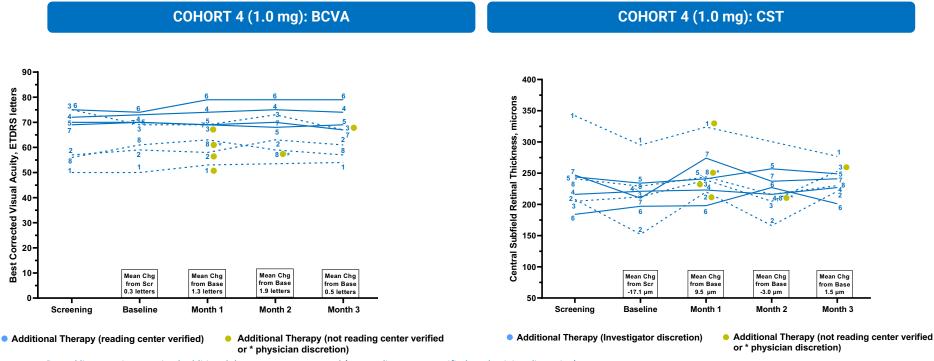




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## Cohort 4: Stable Best Corrected Visual Acuity and Central Subfield Thickness to 3 Months



Dotted line = patient received additional therapy not per protocol (not reading center verified or physician discretion)



## **Extension Study: Demographics and Wet AMD History**

Wet AMD Disease Characteristics	COHORT 2: 0.10 mg	COHORT 3: 0.50 mg	COHORT 4: 1.0 mg	All Cohorts
No. of participants	2	7	5	14
Mean age (range), years	74.0 (70-78)	87.9 (81-97)	79.6 (74-83)	82.9 (70-97)
Mean baseline best corrected visual acuity (range), letters	60.0 (52-68)	59.0 (37-74)	71.2 (69-74)	63.5 (37-74)
Mean baseline central subfield retinal thickness (range), µm	213.5 (200-227)	201.9 (175-238)	214.8 (197-234)	208.1 (175-238)
Mean duration of wAMD diagnosis (range), months	44.30 (33.9-54.7)	67.29 (6.8-102.1)	36.42 (6.1-103.4)	52.98 (6.1-103.4)
Number of anti-VEGF injections reported prior to CLS-AX administration on Day 1, mean (range)	23.0 (12-34)	38.9 (6-90)	33.2 (6-89)	34.6 (6-90)
Annualized number of anti-VEGF injections prior to Enrollment, mean (range)	8.81 (5.4-12.2)	8.84 (4.9-11.9)	12.01 (10.5-13.1)	9.97 (4.9-13.1)



## **Extension Study: Reason for Use of Additional Therapies (in Months 4, 5, 6)**

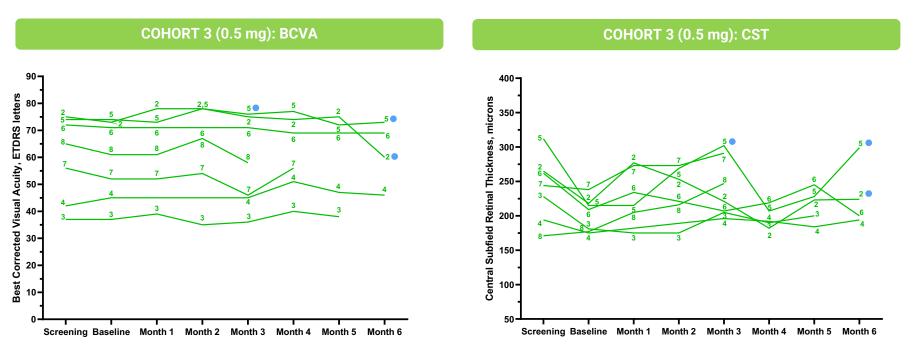
COHORT	SUBJECT	ADDITIONAL THERAPY VISIT	REASON FOR ADDITIONAL THERAPY
COHORT 2: 0.10 mg (N=2)	1	5 months post CLS-AX	Macular hemorrhage
COHORT 3: 0.5 mg (N=7)	2	6 months post CLS-AX	BCVA with exudation
	5	6 months post CLS-AX	CST
COHORT 4: 1.0 mg (N=5)		No patients treated to Oct 27, 2022	

#### Assessment for additional treatment with aflibercept:

Decrease from best measurement of  $\geq$ 10 letters in BCVA with exudation; Increase in CST >75 microns; A vision-threatening hemorrhage



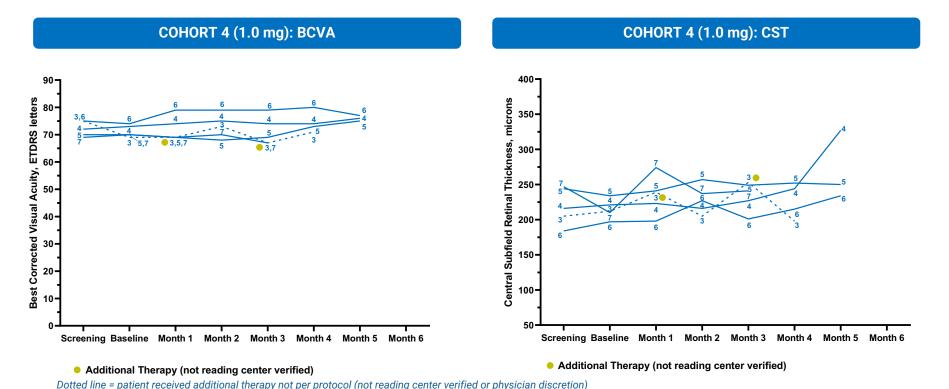
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Additional Therapy (reading center verified)
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 Additional Therapy (reading center verified)
 Additional Therapy (not reading center verified)



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